



Committee on City Property

March 29, 2007 – 7:30 pm – **Agenda**
Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber, Room 213

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1. Communication, Jane Medeiros Friedman, First Assistant City Solicitor to Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson, Committee on City Property, submitting for the review a proposal dated February 28, 2007 in the amount of \$10, 000.00, which was submitted by Testa Corporation of Wakefield, Massachusetts for the transport, hazardous materials removal, legal salvage and recycling of the New Bedford Light Ship. (Ref'd 3/12/07)
 - 1a. Communication, Michael Campana, Testa Corporation to Mayor Lang, re: transport, hazardous materials removal, legal salvage and recycling of the New Bedford Light Ship. (Ref'd 2/28/07)
 - 1b. COMMUNICATION, Jim Estrella, Statewide Protective Services, Acushnet, MA, to Council President Alves, suggesting that the NEW BEDFORD LIGHTSHIP be moved to Fort Taber, placed on a concrete platform, welded shut for safety reasons and items of value such as its bell welded to ship to prevent burglary, to serve as a floating monument, tourist attraction and educational tool showing the history of this ship and its function. (Ref'd 10/12/06)
 - 1c. COMMUNICATION, Paul B. Cora, Curator, The Baltimore Maritime Museum, to Councillor DeMedeiros, expressing interest in efforts to dispose of Lightship 114 and requesting visit by CAPT Greg Krawczyk, USN (Ret), lead volunteer in the restoration of Lightship 116 "Chesapeake" to visit Lightship 114 to review salvage items for display in museum (list included) on OCTOBER 28, 2006. (Ref'd 10/26/06)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Attorney Irene B. Shall, Rep. Of the Mayor Nelson Ostiguy, Purchasing Agent Debra L. Travers, Attorney David J. Gerwatowski, DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle

2. Communication, Patrick J. Sullivan, Director, Community Development to Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson, City Property Committee, re: Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, for the redevelopment of vacant and distressed properties: The Civil Defense Building (109 Hillman Street), the Fire Repair Station (1558 Purchase Street), and The Former Ingraham School (80 Rivet Street). (Ref'd 3/21/07)
 - 2a. Communication, George Karousos, Oceanna Restaurant, regarding purchasing the former Civil Defense Building with intentions of restoring the property with a mixed-use business purpose. (Ref'd 9/12/02)

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3. COMMUNICATION, DPI Commissioner Labelle, to Councillor Morad, Chairperson, Committee on City Property, declaring A PORTION OF PLOT 130B, LOT 912, PARCEL A, CONTAINING 115.5 SQUARE FEET, as SURPLUS PROPERTY; also including Metes and Bounds and Map for Parcel A and remainder of Lot 912. (Ref'd 2/8/07)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Attorney Irene B. Shall, Attorney David !. Gerwatowski, DPI

Commissioner Ronald Labelle

4. COMMUNICATION, Debra L. Travers, Purchasing Agent, to City Council, submitting list of items deemed surplus from the School Department, City Solicitor and the DPI. (Ref'd 12/21/06)

INVITEES: Purchasing Agent Debra L. Travers, Attorney David!. Gerwatowski

5. COMMUNICATION, Debra L. Travers, Purchasing Agent, to the City Council, submitting list detailing surplus property from MIS and Police Departments. (Ref'd 2/22/07)

INVITEES: Purchasing Agent Debra L. Travers, Attorney David!. Gerwatowski

Chairperson recommends "Following Recommended Action" on the following items:

6. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the Committee on Finance meet with Water/Wastewater Commissioner Ronald Labelle, and a Representative of the Water Board, to discuss the increase in fees as it relates to back-flow preventer testing; further, to discuss the possibility of establishing a fee structure which varies on the size of a commercial establishment. (Ref'd 7/17/03) ***Refer to the Finance Committee.***
7. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, on behalf of residents in the area of Mill, north and Park Streets, from whom I have received a number of complaints of fears, requesting that the Superintendent of Parks and Public Places and Republic Electric Increase the wattage of lights and/or install additional lights in the area of PARK STREET, between North and Mill Streets, which is very, very dark and an attraction for illegal activities and unsavory individuals. (Ref'd 4/22/04, letters to Ken Blanchard 4/21/05) ***Refer to DPF.***
8. Communication, Mayor Kalisz, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for Janice Lareau, Manager Saratoga Enterprises, LLC, 31 Ashley Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, Account No. 12088 in the amount of \$312.70. (Ref'd 4/14/05) ***Refer to the Internal Affairs Committee.***

Chairperson suggests "No Further Action" on the following items:

9. Communication, Councillor Rogers, to Mayor Kalisz re: RIVERSIDE PARK, so-called, apparently being used as a dumping ground. (Ref'd 9/14/00)
10. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Tom Davis, Executive Director of the Greater N.B. Industrial Foundation, re: Discussion that took place at the meeting that was held on April 14th at the Agnes S. Braz/Hope S. Bean Memorial Community Center concerning the utilization of students in the operation of the food program etc. and feasibility of constructing and renovating the building at 1204 Purchase Street, in order to accommodate PAACA. (Ref'd 4/26/01)
11. Notice, a Herald News Article "Woman Rallies Community for 24 Hour Pet Clinic" re: Jean Bumpus and her desire to establish a 24-hour medical service for animals. (Ref'd 2/14/02)
12. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence requesting that the City Council meet with Roger G. Fortes, Assistant Dean of Continuing Education, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, to discuss how the Council can assist and support the MCAS preparation project titled "Destination-Graduation" (Ref'd 10/10/02, tabled 4/15/03)
13. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Mayor's Office, Community Development Director Sullivan and the Redevelopment Authority address constituent concerns regarding the "bleakness" along the given areas of South First, South Second and Rivet Streets, and underdeveloped and drab area of the City that has been neglected by a number of Administrations, past and present, and which desperately needs renovation and restoration. (Ref'd 3/27/03)

14. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that Kenneth Blanchard, Superintendent of Parks and Public Places and the Department of Public Facilities be invited to a City Property Committee meeting regarding the illumination of the area streetlights in the vicinity of 373 Pleasant Street. (Ref'd 12/16/04)
15. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Mayor and Commissioner of Public Infrastructure Ronald Labelle consider the possibly that when repaving streets in the City that they give priority to Mill Street, North Street, Cottage Street, Pleasant Street, and Acushnet Avenue (between Madison and Russell Streets). (Ref'd 4/14/05)
16. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that Ronald Labelle, Commissioner of Public Infrastructure, address the undermining/sinking of the steel plate, which was black topped in the area that was dug up at the intersection of Pleasant and Madison Streets, that is currently posing a hazard. (Ref'd 6/9/05)